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Oregon BLM Plans Open Houses and Workshops

Portland, Ore. – Six Bureau of Land Management (BLM) District offices will be offering opportunities for the public to learn about the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for western Oregon management plan revisions.

There will be a media call at 2:30 p.m. PDT (5:30 p.m. EDT) on Thursday, May 14, 2015 to discuss the outreach meetings and Draft RMP/EIS. To join the call, dial 1-888-603-8940, and enter passcode 5401585#.

In addition, open houses and workshops will be held in communities in western Oregon from May 19 to June 30. To view a schedule of our meetings, please visit our website at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/meetings.php>

Anyone who needs reasonable accommodations (through the Americans with Disabilities Act) should contact Sarah Levy at 503-808-6217.

The Draft RMP/EIS for western Oregon addresses a range of alternatives for the purposes of producing a sustained yield of timber, contributing to the recovery of threatened and endangered species, providing clean water, restoring fire adapted ecosystems, providing for recreation opportunities, and coordinating the management of lands surrounding the Coquille Forest with the Coquille Tribe.

“Public engagement is critical to the success of this planning effort,” said BLM Oregon/Washington State Director Jerry Perez. “In our public meetings so far, folks have given us important and valuable feedback.”

Members of the public have until July 23, 2015, to provide written comments through the internet, email, or postal mail.

The public is encouraged to submit comments through the internet, email, or postal mail:

Interactive Map: www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/interactivemap

Email: blm_or_rmpwo_comments@blm.gov

Postal: Draft EIS for Western Oregon
P.O. Box 2965
Portland, OR 97204

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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